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B platform and terminating at a ledge that separates said upper portion of said side and end walls from said lower portion of said side and end walls, said lower portion of said peripheral wall being continuous along said side walls; and a plurality of laterally spaced wedge elements on outside surfaces of selected ones of said columns that provide a smooth transition from said upper portion to said lower portion of said side walls.--

REMARKS

Supplementing applicant's response of November 27, 2002, applicant has added new claim 24 that contains limitations from claims 12 and 23.

Respectfully submitted,

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